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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SAUDI MINISTER OF HEALTH

REF: JIDDA 3327

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTTEL, HEW HAS TAKEN ANOTHER CAREFUL
LOOK AT RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING VISIT OF SAG
MINISTER OF HEALTH. DESPITE PREVIOUS PLANNING WHICH HAS
GONE INTO THIS VISIT, HEW FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE NEXT TO
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ITS LIMITED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF TO
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HANDLE SIMULTANEOUSLY THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT BY SAUDI
MINISTER AND MEETING OF US-EGYPTIAN JOINT WORKING GROUP ON
HEALTH. HEW FEELS, AND WE CONCUR, THAT A VISIT BY THE SAUDI
MINISTER OF HEALTH IS AN IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING WHICH DE-
SERVES AND REQUIRES FULL TIME STAFF ATTENTION AND NOT ONE
WHICH SHOULD BE HANDLED AS A LESS-THAN-TOP PRIORITY MATTER.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WISE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT MINISTER BEGIN HIS VISIT OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION TO VIOLATING NORMAL PROTOCOL RULE THAT A VISITOR SHOULD FIRST MEET HIS HOST (A FEELING WHICH WE BELIEVE SAUDIS SHARE), BEGINNING OUTSIDE WASHINGTON WOULD DEPRIVE US OF OPPORTUNITY TO INSURE LAST-MINUTE REVIEW OF PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS, A PRACTICE WHICH LONG EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN TO BE ADVISABLE.

3. IN PROPOSING JULY 24 DATE TO MINISTER YOU MAY NOTE THAT IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SPEND 14 DAYS IN US, VISIT COULD BE SHORTENED TO 10 OR 12 DAYS. CHRISTOPHER

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